

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 28, as follows:

The foregoing conventional MR imaging involving a continuous movement of an object (actually a tabletop) shows single slice imaging or sequential multi-slice imaging, which is carried out in a state where a moving direction of an object is made to agree with a direction of a slice selection axis. However, conventional MR imaging does not show the way of multi-slice imaging involving simultaneous selective-excitation of a plurality of slices. In addition, there have been no teachings about oblique imaging of multiple slices, which is one modification from multi-slice imaging, in which a slice selection axis is obliquely set to a moving direction of an object. As understood from the above, the conventional MR imaging that involves a continuous movement of an object is short of various imaging modes that will be frequently required in actual diagnosis. Thus this leads to the problem that it is difficult ~~to~~ to perform speedy imaging, because data cannot be acquired with efficiency.